

Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday October 15, 2019 at 7:15 pm in the RiverMills Senior Center, 5 West Main Street are as follows:

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Vieau, John L.	Ward 3 Councilor	Present
Laflamme, Frank N.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Tillotson, James K.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Present
McAuliffe, Joel D.	Ward 1 Councilor	Present
Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Present
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Present
Dobosz, Derek	Ward 6 Councilor	Present
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Present
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present
Walczak, Stan	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

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Public Input-None

MO-1 Mayors appropriation of Sixty five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$65,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Highway Special Account for Fuller Road Design/Engineering from available funds in the Stabilization Fund. Said amount is to be reimbursed from the City's Chapter 90 Funds.

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive and pass. Councilor McAuliffe stated the Mayor and his staff have secured a grant for Fuller Road. Going out to bid, excited, happy to see this. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-2 Mayors appropriation of Twenty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$20,000.00) to the following named account: Registrars Expense Account for Special Services from available funds in the Registrars Passport Revolving Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and pass. Councilor Roy stated this is a transfer from a revolving fund, to comply with the city census. Councilor Tillotson stated the importance of getting an accurate census, important to be accurate. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-3 Ordered that the City Council accept the Massachusetts Gaming Commission Mitigation Grant in the amount of Fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$50,000.00). The grant will be shared between the City of Chicopee and the City of Springfield. The City of Chicopee will use said funds to advance the plan with Westover Airport to initiate a development program for 24-hour operations to effectively compete with other airports in the region and attract commercial air service. This grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive pass and the grant be accepted. Councilor Krampits stated this is to be split between Springfield and Chicopee, a percentage will be worked out. It will allow 24hr air traffic and improve facilities at Westover. No one in the tower and planes can push a button to light the runway. Opens up possibility to rent hanger space for repairs. Sometimes big game/colleges or schools, personal flights can land. Occasional use. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-4 Ordered that the City Council accept the Bureau of Justice FY19 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant in the amount of Twenty three thousand nine hundred fifty six and 40/100 dollars (\$23,956.40) to the Chicopee Police Department. Said grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive pass and grant be accepted. Councilor Brooks stated this grant will partially fund new bullet proof vests for the Police Department. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- MO-5 Ordered that the City Council accept the FY2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of Twenty three thousand six hundred forty one and 00/100 dollars (\$23,641.00) to the Chicopee Police Department. Said grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive pass and that the grant be accepted. Councilor Walczak stated a federal grant to the Police Department for equipment. New weapons and laser speed detection units. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- MO-6 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation of Thirty eight (38) large pizzas with a value of Four hundred ninety three and 62/100 dollars (\$493.62) from Domino's Pizza to the Chicopee Fire Department. Said a donation is to be used for the annual open house and is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive pass and that the donation be accepted. Councilor Labrie stated the Fire Department open house was treated with pizza from Dominos. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- MO-7 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation of a vehicle with an estimated value of One hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$100.00) from Interstate Towing to the Chicopee Fire Department. Said donation is to be used for a "Jaws of Life" demonstration at the Annual Open House and is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive pass and that the donation be accepted. Councilor Tillotson said the car is worth very little and this will be helpful to the students to see how it works, to be used for a jaws of life demonstration. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 8 ORDERED THAT Chicopee Electric Light install a light on pole #1 on Spring Street.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and refer to CEL for implementation. Councilor Zygarowski stated this is a result of Public Safety meeting. Dark area, warrants a light, DPW to trim the trees first. Motion passed.

- 9 BE IT ORDAINED THAT THE CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY AMEND CHAPTER 260, SECTION 29-"SEVERE WEATHER PARKING REGULATIONS" AS FOLLOWS:

ADD:

CHAPTER 260, SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS

REVERSE PARKING BAN - PARKING SHALL BE ALLOWED ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE STREET AS DEFINED BY SECTION 29(B).

SNOW REMOVAL SEASON: OCTOBER 1 - MAY 30

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive 1st reading and refer to Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated happy to see this go to Ordinance, spent two years in Public Works. Councilor Labrie said will keep unregistered cars off the road. Councilor Tillotson said we will have to educate in order to use one side. Councilor Courchesne stated we will do our education on it first and there will be no fines the first year. Motion passed, referred.

- 10 ORDERED THAT Yankee Auto Sales, 162 Chicopee Street, be called before the City of Chicopee License Committee and City Council to discuss the license(s) currently held by Yankee Auto Sales, including compliance with restrictions imposed upon any licenses held by Yankee Auto Sales. The Council may modify, suspend, fine, or revoke any license held by Yankee Auto Sales.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Walczak stated constituent concerns. Motion passed, referred.

- 11 ORDERED THAT Veterans Auto Service., 238 Meadow Street, be called before the City of Chicopee License Committee and City Council to discuss the license(s) currently held by Veterans Auto Service, including compliance with restrictions imposed upon any licenses held by Veterans Auto Service. The Council may modify, suspend, fine, or revoke any license held by Veterans Auto Service.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Walczak stated new business already having issues. Motion passed, referred.

- 12 ORDERED THAT the Water Department come before the Water Resource Committee to discuss the 300+ sink holes and the cost to the City.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and refer to the Water Resource Committee. Councilor Courchesne said we have water main breaks and sink holes that need to be fixed. Over 300 sink holes, lack of quality work during the CSO work. Councilor Tillotson said I can't believe I find it hard to believe, we have 300 sink holes. That's just a lot. If they're out there, they need to be fixed. Councilor Courchesne stated we'll find out when the report comes in. Motion passed, referred.

- 13 A favorable Ordinance Committee report, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the Year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Add to Chapter 169 Section 13

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Trash/Recycling/Yard Waste containers/totes must be removed from the street/tree belt by 11:59PM the day after pick up.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and refer back to the Committee. Councilor Courchesne said take it up in Committee. Motion passed, referred.

- 14 A favorable Ordinance Committee report, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the Year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Chapter 169-40 Maintenance; violations and penalties; enforcement

Delete 169-40 F

And insert in place thereof

F.

Enforceable by the Chicopee Police Department, Chicopee Building Department, Chicopee Health Department or the Superintendent of Public Works or any of their designee(s). Any person or entity who fails to comply with any portion of this article shall be fined \$25 per day unless otherwise stated in this Chapter. A person or entity commits a separate offense for each and every day a violation continues.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and refer to Ordinance Committee. Councilor Tillotson said send it back to Committee for further discussion. Motion passed, referred.

- 15 A favorable Ordinance Committee report, BE IT ORDAINED THAT THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHICOPEE FOR THE YEAR 1991, AS AMENDED BE AND IS HEREBY FURTHER AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Add Chapter 198, Section 1.1 – "Repair of Motor Vehicles on Public Property Prohibited"

It shall be unlawful for any person to repair a motor vehicle on public property, including but not limited to, a public way, park, city owned parking lot, right of way and/or sidewalk except in an emergency.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive 2nd and final reading enrolled and ordained. Councilor Tillotson stated just one change, no work done on public property. Councilor Laflamme stated glad to see this, especially downtown. Councilor Courchesne stated officer discretion will come in to play. Councilor Zygarowski asked who will enforce this? Councilor Balakier stated excellent idea in terms of public safety. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

- 16 A favorable Ordinance Committee report, adding to Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 74 Peloquin Drive, Handicap Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive 2nd and final reading enrolled and ordained. Councilor Tillotson stated the Commission on Disability didn't think it was a good idea. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote, ordinance denied.

- 17 A favorable Ordinance Committee report, adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Hampden Street, From the corner of Burton Street to the corner of Kennedy Street, Parking Prohibited Certain Hours Monday – Friday 7 AM – 9 AM and 2 PM – 4 PM.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive 2nd and final reading enrolled and ordained. Councilor Brooks stated this was a constituent request, block access from Bowe School. Impacts only one side of the street, will fix to be both sides, safe passage. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

- 18 A favorable Ordinance Committee report, adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Hunt Seat Drive – Intersection of Bridle Path Road, Isolated Stop Signs.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive 2nd and final reading enrolled and ordained. Councilor Tillotson stated calls on this issue, was a yield sign, neighbors felt this wasn't a good idea. Stop sign will be put up on Hunt Seat Drive. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

- 19 A favorable Ordinance Committee report, adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Sampson Street, South side – for a distance of 30 feet from the intersection, Parking Prohibited Here to Corner.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive 2nd and final reading enrolled and ordained. Councilor Dobosz said it's hard to pull in and out of the street, people parking on the side street waiting for the bus stop. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

- 20 A NEW Class II License application for: EDW Auto Inc. DBA Fairview Service Center. Located at: 1492 Memorial Drive. Applied for by: Evan D. Whiting, 1700 Westover Road, Chicopee, MA 01020.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Walczak stated will take up in committee. Motion passed, referred.

- 21 A NEW Auto Repair License application for: Fairview Service Center. Located at: 1492 Memorial Drive. Applied for by: Evan D. Whiting, 1700 Westover Road, Chicopee, MA 01020.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Walczak stated will take up in committee. Motion passed, referred.

- 22 A NEW Auto Detail License application for: Fairview Service Center. Located at: 1492 Memorial Drive. Applied for by: Evan D. Whiting, 1700 Westover Road, Chicopee, MA 01020.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Walczak stated will take up in committee. Motion passed, referred.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Rattell", with a stylized flourish at the end.

KEITH W RATTELL
CITY CLERK